

**Method and System for Enhancing Streaming Operation in a Distributed Communication System**

**A B S T R A C T**

- 5 A method and system are provided for enhancing streaming operation in a distributed communication system providing communication links between a plurality of stream servers, a client machine requesting a particular media file, and, a stream server selection unit. First, a list of stream servers is retrieved. Then, the list is evaluated and one of the stream servers is selected as the best-suited stream server. Streaming from the selected stream server is initiated